

HONORING COMMISSIONER JIM
CADUE FOR HIS TWENTY YEARS
OF SERVICE

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 18, 2003

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jim Cadue for his twenty years of service as a Monroe County Commissioner. He was honored on Friday, November 14, 2003 at the Pennsylvania Room of the Camelback Ski Resort in Tannersville Pennsylvania.

My colleagues, Jim is a Monroe County legend. He is the first person in the county's illustrious history to be elected to five consecutive terms. Jim served as Chairman from 1984 to 1991. In his elected career, Jim has compiled a list of accomplishments that any elected official would be proud to have. He constructed a new 311-bed county correctional facility and expanded the county administration offices. He established a new salary plan and job classification system for 700 full-time county employees.

Jim also led Monroe County to develop and implement an award winning comprehensive plan and a \$25 million bond referendum for the purchase of land to be preserved in open space. He also put through an initiative that led to the creation of a corporate office and industrial park totaling 600 acres. Jim also built a new county environmental learning center. He helped save jobs at Tobyhanna Depot and led the effort for a more environmentally friendly solid waste disposal plan. Jim was also the steward for twenty responsible county budgets.

Mr. Speaker, Jim Cadue has spent a lifetime creating opportunity and prosperity for the people of Monroe County and at the same time protecting our natural environment for our children and grandchildren.

Jim is an active leader in national, state and local organizations. He has served as President of the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania and Chairman of the National Association of Counties. Locally, he Chairs the Hospice Golf Tournament Committee. Jim is also a member of the Pennsylvania Society, the Lehigh Consistory, American Legion Post #413, the Elks Lodge, and the Pocono Lodge #780 Free and Accepted Masons.

It is no surprise that the honor Jim is receiving Friday is not his first. Jim has received the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania's Outstanding Member Award and the Governor's Award for Local Government Excellence from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development.

Jim also served our country in the United States Army Military Police, where he attained the rank of Sergeant E-5.

Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege and honor to work with a person who is so committed to building a brighter future in Northeastern Pennsylvania. Jim is a leader who simply gets the job done for his constituents. I ask that my colleagues pay tribute to Monroe County Commissioner Jim Cadue as he receives this well-deserved honor.

TRIBUTE TO RON TAYLOR

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to honor a victim's advocate volunteer who selflessly serves the community of Grand Junction, Colorado. Ron Taylor is a dedicated volunteer who gives of his time to help those in need and I would like to join my colleagues in recognizing his contributions here today.

Ron, a dentist by day, volunteers his nights to aiding victims of crime. Even before an official Colorado victim's program was established, Ron worked as a volunteer with the Chaplain at the Grand Junction Police Department helping crime victims and employees following traumatic incidents. Later, he helped the Mesa County Sheriff's office get their Victims Advocate program off the ground.

Ron is a kind and caring person who is always prepared to help whenever he's needed. He can often be found sacrificing his own comfort and rest to be of service to those who value his generous contributions of time and compassion. In fact, Ron often rises at 3 am to render aid to those in need.

Mr. Speaker, Ron Taylor is a dedicated and compassionate person who devotes most of his free time to assisting those in need. We should all be so lucky to have such an involved person in our community. Ron's enthusiasm and commitment certainly deserve the recognition of this body of Congress.

TRIBUTE TO MAJOR RICHARD W.
COOPER, JR., USAF

HON. JOHN W. OLVER

OF MASSACHUSETTS

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Mr. OLVER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Richard W. Cooper, Jr., a U.S. Air Force Major who conducted missions over Southeast Asia. Major Cooper was the navigator aboard a B-52D Stratofortress bomber out of Westover Air Force Base that participated in Operation Linebacker II, a bombing campaign in the waning days of U.S. involvement in Vietnam. On December 19, 1972, Major Cooper's plane was downed and he was listed as "Missing In Action" for over 30 years. Major Cooper was thirty years old. Recently, Major Cooper's remains were found, identified, and returned to the United States. His remains will be buried at 11 a.m. on December 19th, 2003 in Arlington National Cemetery.

Through his service and commitment, Major Cooper was awarded eleven decorations that include the Distinguished Flying Cross; the Purple Heart; the Air Medal with two silver and two bronze Oak Leaf Clusters; the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award; and, the Combat Readiness Medal.

In recognition of his life, the nation owes a deep debt of gratitude to Major Cooper for his courage, heroism, and exemplary service. Our thoughts and prayers are with Major Cooper's family in Holyoke, Massachusetts as they finally lay him to rest.

IN HONOR OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TEAMSTERS UNION LOCAL NUMBER 20

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, teamsters Union Local Number 20 celebrates its 100-year anniversary in 2003. For a century, hard-working men and women have come together for the good of the many as they strove to bring their families a better life.

Chartered in 1903, Local 20's first members were icehouse workers. Over the years, four Teamsters Locals came together to form the present-day Local 20, 7,200 members united. Teamsters Local 20 represents members in fifteen counties in Northwest Ohio, including not only truck drivers but nursing home workers, candy makers, and makers of fiberglass. Uniquely, in a truly representational form of operation, stewards from every shop the union represents form the Stewards Council, which sets the policy for the union.

As noted in the union's history, much has changed in the hundred years since Teamsters Local 20 has been chartered: horses were driven rather than trucks, one of two children died in childhood, women were denied the right to vote, there were no child labor laws, no civil rights, no Social Security, no workers compensation, no unemployment compensation, no federal protection for working rights and unions, no workplace safety requirements, no overtime pay or minimum wage, no right to bargain collectively, and no forty hour work week.

The history of our nation's social protection as these basic rights were guaranteed is the history of the Teamsters as well, for their struggles are intertwined with our nation's awakening to social justice. Without Teamster families, and the millions of others in the labor movement, we would yet be in those dark ages of the past. This 100th anniversary is a good time to remind all Americans that we would not enjoy the standard of living we enjoy now without the efforts of united labor. Daniel Webster said, "Liberty and Union, now and forever, one and inseparable." Though he meant these words in another context, their meaning rings true for our own time. It is the union men and women who built this nation, who power it now, and whose prosperity must drive it forward.

I am pleased to recognize the 100th anniversary of Teamsters Local 20, and pay special tribute to its members as we commemorate this milestone. Thank you for your contributions to the labor movement, to our communities, our nation, and our future.

FILNER MOTION TO INSTRUCT THE
CONFEREES ON THE ENERGY
POLICY ACT OF 2003

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, without doubt, I am sympathetic to the purpose behind this motion. I am a staunch supporter of smart environmental regulations, and